

ALPENA WEEKLY ARGUS.

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More "Scurrility."

And again the editor of the down town sheet (we hardly know what to call it, as it appears under three separate names in one issue,) has obtained the services of some one in the writing of another article on our "Introductory." He undoubtedly judges us by himself, knowing he is incapable of writing an article of any kind, thinks everybody else must also be. Nevertheless we shall continue on just the same, regardless of his opinions, as they amount to nothing.

If he is so certain that we were not the writer of the introductory, he has a chance to take that little "let" he speaks of, at any time when he can make it convenient.

He thinks we were "probably inspired." Well, neighbor, our "inspirations" are not of a lazar beer kind, nor are we "inspired" by the fair owner of a head of hair nearly the color of carnation.

He says our article is "silly." He is undoubtedly a good judge of "silly" articles, as his journal abounds with so much sound reading that even the lamented Stephen A. Douglass, were he still living, would be considered in the back ground. Perhaps he might make some arrangement with Horace Greeley, whereby he could have control of the *Tribune*.

And as for the "billingsgate and scurrility" of our article, if he calls truth—facts that he cannot and dare not deny, "billingsgate and scurrility," he will undoubtedly see more of that kind of language ere we get through with him. "Nothing so degrading to honorable journalism shall ever enter our columns," he says. Nor much else, we should say, judging from the past, and the matter contained in each issue. He does not wish to soil his paper, but howls about the street in a manner that one might at once form an opinion as to the depth of his nicety, and is scared half to death for fear that he will not secure the support of both political parties, making the assertion that "the Democrats are going back on the Anous," and other expressions too numerous and contemptible to mention. Then winds up his article by saying the "public can judge between us." Judgment has been passed upon the "Pioneer" "Pioneer" as a little the worst sheet ever pretended to be published.

Neighbor, who will you get to answer this for you?

Alpena.

A correspondent of the Detroit *Tribune*, who recently made a trip from Saginaw to Mackinaw, thus speaks of Alpena:

"About thirty miles more, up into the extreme northwest corner of Thunder Bay, brings us to Alpena, the best looking and most inviting town, by all odds, between Port Huron and Mackinac. It is situated at the mouth of Thunder Bay river, which extends back into Alpena county about half across its territory when it divides into two branches, the northern going up into Presque Isle county, there turning in a southwesterly course to its sources in Montmorency county, while the southern passes in a southwestern direction through Alpena, into and through the eastern and southern half of Montmorency, finally taking its rise in the northern part of Otsego. As we steam up the bay, the smoke pouring out of its numerous mill stacks, its four Churches, its large Union School, and the multitude of neatly painted white residences, many of them quite large and elegant, all give the town a pleasing air of busy thrift, intelligence and refinement, which a closer inspection does not belie or diminish. There are 2,500 people here, and the town is growing rapidly. I was much surprised at the size and appearance of the place, it is far exceeding my expectations. It abounds in stores and shops of all kinds, the sand of its streets is paved with sawdust—a sort of primitive Nicholson, which makes a very good road—and there is evidence on every hand of a self-sustaining and prosperous community. There are here on the river back of the town eleven lumber and eight shingle mills, two of these being driven by water, the river affording a fine power for that purpose. There is also—what is rarely found in these shore towns—a first-class hotel, the *Barrell House*, kept by A. E. McClain, formerly connected with the *Fraser House*, at Bay City. The traveler will here find the luxury of a most excellent table, prompt and polite attendance, and clean and well furnished rooms. It seems to me a little problematical whether so good a hotel can be maintained here, but the good people of Alpena will lack in no regard for the interests of the whole town if they tolerate a particle of doubt on that point. They

could better afford to pay outright a sufficient to remunerate the proprietor and lessee of this house for their efforts, rather than to suffer it to deteriorate. The society here is excellent, comprising much of intelligence, refinement and sterling worth. The wholesome influence of the Churches upon the tone of the community seemed to me quite marked, and the "most inveterate sneerer at these institutions, if he were honest, would be compelled to admit that they have proved of incalculable value to Alpena. The work of improvement is being prosecuted on every side, as though the people had come here to stay, and not merely to make money for a time and then leave, and while there is manifestly yet much to do in this direction, there is as manifestly a determination that it shall be done. The river is a fine stream, while, a few miles back, good farming lands are reached, and the work of cultivation is already begun. I see no reason to doubt that this bustling and good looking town is destined to a large and permanent growth. Two papers, the *Pioneer* and *Anous*, are printed here. The former is the old established Republican paper, and has been much of hard struggle, but is gradually getting a secure foothold; the latter is newly started and seems to be doing well. Alpena has a "mineral spring"—no place of any pretensions can "keep house" without one of these indispensable adjuncts to a Michigan town. Its waters have a decided smell and taste of sulphur, and are said to hold other remedial ingredients, in solution for the details of which I will refer the interested reader to descriptive pamphlets that can be obtained of any loyal citizen here. I am indebted for information and courtesies to W. D. Hitchcock, Postmaster, and an old time friend, and Hon. J. K. Lockwood, a long resident and leading business man of the place."

Earthquake and Hurricane.
The hurricane at Turk's Island, West Indies, was accompanied by an earthquake, and both did considerable damage. Some ships were ashore, but their names are unknown. Vessels arriving report experiencing hurricanes at sea on the 19th and 22d ult., and 3d inst.

K. K. K.

A terrible tragedy was enacted seven miles south of Jacksonville, Florida, last Tuesday night, by which two officers of the present State administration met their deaths at the hands of a desperate negro. The officials were brothers, and were trying to arrest the negro, when both were stabbed in the neck, dying instantly. The negro was arrested.

Tragedy in Illinois.

On Tuesday afternoon, at Rockford, Ill., an old man named Jesse Zimmerman, a well known drunkard, killed his wife, an old lady of 70 years, by stabbing her with a carpenter's scratchawl. Zimmerman then tried to destroy his own life by taking a large dose of laudanum, but prompt medical labors saved him. A letter was found in the room where the murder was committed, which proved beyond a doubt that the deed was premeditated.

Yellow Fever in Brazil.
Advices from Brazil of late date report that the yellow fever which raged there during July is abating.—The disease has been very fatal to foreigners in that country, especially at Para, where the British Consul, Mr. Hemans, son of the poetess, died of the epidemic. Many inhabitants of Para have fled to the interior of the country, and some regions have been almost entirely depopulated from the ravages of the disease.

Salvage Law.
The following extract from the law relating to salvage should be pasted in the hat of every vessel captain and owner:
"The master has authority to throw overboard a part of the cargo for the purpose of saving the ship, and the residue of the cargo in a case of extreme peril. Where the goods are thus thrown overboard the owners of the ship and residue of the cargo must contribute *pro rata* to the loss sustained by the owners of such goods for their common benefit; and the master has a right to detain the goods of the shippers until their proper share of contribution is paid or secured."

Attacked by Mexicans.
A dispatch from Galveston, states that the American bark *Harvest Home* was attacked by a force of Mexicans off Bar Santa Anna on the night of the 27th of last month and her master, E. C. Dickey, obliged to put to sea without completing her cargo. The American bark *Brothers* was captured by an armed force of Mexicans also on the 27th of August off Santa Anna and the captain forced to abandon her. He was picked up by the

Harvest Home and arrived at Galveston. It is understood that the captain will visit Washington and make a full statement of all the facts in the case to the government authorities.

Caving of Holtenbeck Mine.
A dispatch from Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, states that the large mine of the Wilkesbarre Coal and Iron Company, known as the Holtenbeck mine, caved in on Saturday morning, causing great consternation at that place. The mine was abandoned Saturday, as it has been considered unsafe for months. An area of five or six acres of ground sunk 200 feet, when the mine collapsed. Thousands of people have visited the scene since the caving. The mine was nearly worked out.—The greatest loss will be to the miners who are thrown out of employment by the occurrence.

Death in a Wheat Bin.
A terrible accident occurred at the elevator of Musgrave & Lacey, at Charlotte, on the afternoon of the 5th. The man having charge of the elevator was loading a car with wheat, and finding the outlet clogged, suspected all was not right, and on making an investigation found that two small boys were in the bin. He gave the alarm at once, and let the wheat out on the floor as soon as possible, but when the boys were taken out they were both dead. One of the boys was a son of John Shear, the other of Jerome Smith. Both lived in the vicinity of the elevator and had been frequently warned of the danger of playing in the wheat bins.

From Ann Arbor.

A correspondent to the Detroit *Free Press* under date of September 5th, writes as follows:

"A child of Charles Church, of this city, five years of age, was accidentally killed by poison yesterday morning. The child had been taking blackberry cordial, and the father, intending to give the usual medicine, by mistake gave it a teaspoonful of cyanide potassium, which Church had formerly used in the daguerreotype business.—It complained that the medicine burned its mouth, and immediately went into spasms, and died within an hour.

John Stoll, a man living in the Township of Seio, was killed Saturday, by falling from a straw stack.—He was assisting in threshing, and falling, struck his head upon a stone, and died in a few minutes afterward."

Russia.

The latest European mails have further intelligence of the progress of cholera in Russia, from which it appears that in some places the proportion of deaths still continues very high. At Boreoslegh, a town of 12,000 inhabitants, for a short time 150 persons died every day. In one village in Voronetz seventy persons have died out of a population of 200. At Nijni Novgorod in one day every case proved fatal. In some places the people are panic stricken and doing nothing, looking upon the scourge as divine punishment, to which they are bound to submit. Everywhere there is a want of medical aid. In the district of Novjopierski there is only one doctor for a population of 5,000. He has visited patients who are forty or fifty miles distant from the village. In St. Petersburg the disease has considerably diminished.

Persia.

A correspondent of a London paper, writing from Shiraz under date of June 23d, says:

"The famine in Persia may be said to have almost come to an end, but the distress caused by it will continue for a long time. The price of bread has fallen considerably, but all the property of the poorer class, excepting the most necessary clothes, has long since been sold or exchanged for bread, and it is but too evident that starvation will be the fate of a great many more. On the road from Bushire to Shiraz one can see at many places half-starved bodies. At a caravansary about thirty miles from Shiraz, many people, it is stated two hundred, died of starvation in about a week. Kaseroon, a town eighty miles from Shiraz, is half depopulated. Many of its inhabitants went to Shiraz, Bushire and other large towns, and great numbers died. On the roads and highways crowds of beggars in the last stage of destitution waylay travelers. Sanitary fights, often resulting in loss of life, take place over the carcasses of mules, donkeys or horses which died on the road, and robberies with violence are very frequent. At Yazd and Kerman the famine raged more than anywhere else. In a letter dated Yazd, in April last, it was stated that the corpses had been resorted to for food, and eight authentic cases of children having been killed and devoured by their parents were enumerated.

Since the Shah has heard of the result of the late war he feels no more

confidence in the officers now instructing his troops. He says a Prussian officer or none, and Prussian officers he will have. A Prussian colonel is being or has been engaged to instill into the Persian soldiers the strategy of Marshal Moltke and perhaps Bismarckian annexation.

News Items.

E. E. Marsh, living at Endora, Kas., cut the throat of his wife and child Tuesday night, and then shot himself. All died.

The stockholders of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Lexington short line road, on Tuesday re-elected the old Board of Directors, who afterwards re-elected the old officers of the road. A shooting affray occurred at Bedford, Indiana, last Monday night, in which Willoughby Nugent, a desperado, was shot through the arm and body, and is not expected to recover. Nugent was a terror to the neighborhood.

Patrick Rooney, a submarine diver, was drowned on Tuesday, at the water works above St. Louis, by his apparatus becoming entangled with some spikes and beams under the water, which loosened the top of the cup of the helmet, letting the water into the armor. He was two hours under the water.

In New Albany, Ind., Tuesday evening, a young woman named Sarah Koons, attempted to commit suicide by wading in the river, but was rescued. She said she was sick and out of money, and was on her way from Alabama to friends in Illinois. She was furnished with a railroad pass and sent on her way.

The son and daughter of Mrs. Paul Schisler, living in Iowa township, Iowa, aged eight and ten years, were drowned in a pond near their mother's house, on Saturday week. The boy fell in first, and the sister, in attempting to rescue him, fell in also, and both perished before assistance could reach them.

Two coal miners named Michael McMullen and Alexander Durking, working at a coal branch two miles from Alton, Illinois, got into an altercation Monday night week, which resulted in Durking stabbing McMullen in the heart, killing him instantly.—McMullen was the attacking party. Durking gave himself up, and was released on bail.

The steamer *Westphalia*, which arrived in New York Tuesday, has the largest portion of the great bronze Tyler Davison fountain, given by Henry Probesco, for an esplanade in Cincinnati. Ferdinand Von Muller, with part of the workmen, from Munich, came on the *Westphalia*, for the purpose of aiding in the preparations for the celebration, which is expected to take place about October 15th.

A fire, on the 5th, at East Saginaw, destroyed the buildings, wood and other materials of C. Wenk & Co's lime kiln; loss, \$2,000, with no insurance. The body of an infant was found buried in some sawdust at Lawton, on Wednesday last, which had evidently been there for some time.

Charles Holland's house, at East Saginaw, was entered by two unknown persons, on the night of the 3d, and a gold watch and other articles valued at \$300 taken. A youth named Hume, aged fifteen, and heretofore of good reputation, was arrested as being one of the parties to the burglary. He gave bail in the sum of \$500.

The Jackson *Patriot* shows up, in a record nearly three columns long, the past career and reputation of C. C. Curt, an attorney, who was influential in instigating a libel suit against that paper. The sink hole near Trufant's, Montcalm county, on Thursday week, a second time swallowed up a large piece of track. Trees are being felled and large timbers thrown into the hole to make a sure foundation for another mass of dirt.

The Indian troubles in Southern California are abating. New and rich silver mines have been discovered near Prescott, Arizona.

Three persons died of yellow fever, in two days, at Charleston, S. C. Thomas B. Morris hanged himself on Saturday night week, in a Boston police station, where he was confined for drunkenness.

The Hon. Marsh Giddings, the new Governor of New Mexico, was inaugurated at Santa Fe, on Saturday week. He was serenaded in the evening by a vast assemblage.

Daniel Cushman, aged 42 years, employed on board the steamer *Saxon*, was crushed to death on the 2d, at Boston, between the steamer and the wharf.

The Governor of St. Thomas, W. I., has ordered that \$4,000 be appropriated for the relief of the sufferers by the destructive hurricane which swept the island on Aug. 21.

Three cars on the Detroit and Milwaukee railroad were thrown from the track, on the morning of the 2d, near

Linden. A woman had her neck broken, and seventeen emigrants were injured.

Gold placer diggings have been found near the Emma mines, in Utah, and one man in two days washed out \$500 worth of dust. Two hundred thousand dollars has been offered for a mine in Cottonwood that was discovered only two weeks ago.

The campaign against the Apaches, in Arizona, owing, as is alleged, to the interference of the Peace Commissioners, is a total failure; but the campaign of the Apaches against the white settlements is prosecuted with success encouraging to the savages.

Extensive preparations have been made for an agricultural and mechanical fair at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a successful exhibition is anticipated.

Midland people think they have found a bed of superior fire-clay.

Charlotte Thornton, who eloped from Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin, with a negro named William Wallace Suthen, taking with her a child of some six years, was pursued by the husband, and found in Grand Rapids. Mrs. Thornton and her black paramour were arrested and placed in jail, to answer to a charge of adultery.

The wife of a farmer on Milk river, in the township of Erin, Macomb county, having recently detected her husband in a compromising affair with a girl employed in her household, has applied for a divorce. The girl's father cowhided the farmer and threatened to institute a suit against him for seduction. The farmer, driven to bay by this weight of woes, according to the *Mt. Clemens Monitor*, is about to sue the girl's father for defamation of character.

The Grand Rapids *Democrat* recites a tale of a spiritual medium who, two years ago, endeavored to find out who murdered Herbert Feld, and described a man whose appearance on the whole would correspond with the description given of the foreigner picked up by the schooner *Crawford*, whose deficiency of knowledge regarding the English language made communication with him difficult.

The Muskegon and Greenville railroad will probably be built next year, and will be a branch of the D. & L. M. R. R.

The contract for the grading of the road bed on the Michigan Midland railroad from St. Clair to Ridgeway was let on the 5th.

Gratiot county has one hundred and thirty-seven farmers.

A couple of Indians, crossing the river from Port Huron to Sarnia, in a canoe, during the gale on the 6th, were overturned and one drowned. The other saved himself by climbing upon the bottom of the canoe.

At the annual reunion of the Twenty-second Michigan Infantry, held at Romeo, on Thursday week, over one hundred officers and soldiers were in attendance.

Alonso Cole, of Delhi, while digging a well, found a bed of very fair coal at the depth of six feet. The vein is three feet deep and equal to the Jackson coal.

The new depot of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad at Kalamazoo has been completed.

Justin Wentworth, of Tuscola, has a drove of eleven domesticated elk.—Mr. Wentworth has for several years been engaged in the business of raising elk, which he finds extremely lucrative. The Hillsdale County Fair will be held at Hillsdale, commencing October 3d and continuing four days. Nearly \$3,000 are offered as premiums. The exhibitions heretofore of this society have surpassed those of a similar nature.

A small house belonging to A. R. Thayer, near the skating rink at Lansing, was burned on the 6th.

Constantine has a silver cornet band. The contract for grading the railroad from Jonesville to Lansing has been let to Mr. Brockway, of Albion. The Adrian Car Manufacturing Company are building a number of cars for the Detroit, Bel River & Illinois Railroad, including some elegant passenger coaches.

Mr. Allen, of Lealie, is to construct an artificial lake as an ornament to the village.

The Detroit, Lansing & Lake Michigan Railroad Company advertises to issue mileage tickets, good for 500 miles travel over any part of the road, at a reduction of twenty-five per cent. from regular rates, and commutation tickets, good for twenty-five rides between specified stations, at a reduction of twenty per cent. from regular rates.

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